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The Central Pennsylvania Conservancy and Pine Grove Furnace State Park Team Up to Offer a Unique Weeklong Summer Leadership Institute for High School Youth

Carlisle, PA (January 29, 2013) The ***Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute***—a residential conservation leadership program for youth ages 13 to 15—is being offered this summer from July 14-19, 2013 at the Ironmaster's Mansion. The program provides youth with opportunities to become immersed in the natural, scenic, historic, agricultural and recreational resources of the South Mountain Landscape while learning key lessons in leadership and citizenship from area teachers, practitioners, and community leaders. The program, which takes inspiration from one of Pennsylvania's greatest leaders in conservation, Maurice K. Goddard, will be housed at the historic Ironmaster's Mansion at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, a recently renovated historic home with modern amenities. Right at the halfway point of the National Appalachian Scenic Trail, the Mansion will serve as the base for fun field excursions and team projects to study water connections, forest resources, agriculture and land use, all with an emphasis on how individual and community leadership can help protect our natural resources. Throughout the week, participants will enjoy opportunities to kayak, fish, hike, swim, geocash, and complete a team-based ropes course at Camp Thompson.

The *Institute* is being **coordinated by the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy (CPC) in partnership with Pine Grove Furnace State Park**. Key funding partners include the South Mountain Partnership, an alliance of organizations working to preserve and enhance the cultural and natural assets of the South Mountain Landscape in Central Pennsylvania (supported by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources). Other seed funders include the Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation, the Verizon Foundation, and Safari Club International-Blue Mountain Chapter. Additional cooperating partners supporting the program include the Cumberland County Conservation District, the Goddard Legacy Project, the Fairfield School District in Adams County, Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, Michaux State Forest, Kings Gap Environmental Learning Center, Dickinson College, and the Nature Conservancy.

If your child has a keen interest in nature, community problem solving, environmental careers, or outdoor recreation, please consider the *Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute*. It offers a reasonably-priced, meaningful, and fun summer enrichment program right in your own backyard!

To learn more about this program and apply, please visit, www.goddardleadership.org.

Event: The Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute

Age Group: 13-15 years

Date: July 14-19, 2013, a weeklong residential program

Location: Ironmaster's Mansion at Pine Grove Furnace State Park , 1212 Pine Grove Rd., Gardeners, PA 17324

Cost: \$350, includes meals and housing

Online Application and Scholarship Information: www.goddardleadership.org

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